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In re Application of:

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For: ION CONDUCTING COMPOSITE MEMBRANE MATERIALS CONTAINING AN
OPTIONALLY MODIFIED ZIRCONIUM PHOSPHATE DISPERSED IN A POLYMERIC
MATRIX, METHOD FOR PREPARATION OF THE MEMBRANE MATERIAL AND ITS USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the national phase application filed herewith under U.S.C 371 please enter the following amendments in the captioned application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification on page 5, 3rd paragraph, line 21, as shown in Attachment A.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25 the international application filed herewith and add new claims 26-61 as shown on attachment B.

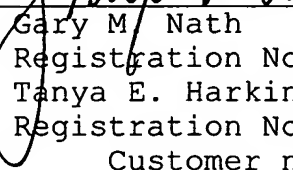
REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to the specification to correct a typographical error. The amendments to the claims have been made to remove multiple dependencies and conform them to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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